

Minutes of Cranworth Parish Council Meeting held on 5th January 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Jubilee Hall, Cranworth, Norfolk.

Present: Cllrs R Brown, C Brown, C Eglington, J Eglington, G Ireland, L Stiles, and N Reynolds

In attendance: The Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from DC Lynda Turner and DC Paul Hewitt

2. Declaration(s) of Interests

None

3. Adjournment for Public Participation

A resident raised a concern about pedestrians not staying on foot paths and letting dogs loose and out of control. Communication to deter this behaviour has been attempted with no result. Signage is there but not being adhered to. Cllr. R Brown encouraged that pedestrians be referred to the notice boards with a maps detailing dedicated footpaths. Notice to be put in Group News to this effect to reach all dog walkers. Cllr. R Brown to submit to Editor.

Cranworth Parish Council request that residents please stick to the posted footpaths and keep their dogs under close control.

4. To approve the minutes of Parish Council meeting from November 3rd, 2025

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 3rd, 2025 had been previously circulated. The minutes were proposed as accepted by Cllr. N Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. C Eglington and approved unanimously. They were initialled and signed as a true record by Chairman C Brown.

5. Matters arising from the last minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

Nothing raised

6. District Councillor reports

DC Lynda Turner's report is available on the website

7. Correspondence/Clerk's report:

The Clerk's report is posted on the website.

8. Planning

a) Applications update:

Update on Reference PL/2025/1584/PAQ: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), which may include extension of the building and/or building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of existing barn to 3 dwellings with single storey rear extensions Mr. Danny Bloomfield (The Pincents Ltd) Pincents Drift Barn, Hook Lane, Cranworth, Norfolk, IP25 7SZ

Prior approval required and refused

9. To receive and agree to Receipts, Invoices, and Budget Monitor

- Payments Received
 - None
- Payments of Invoices
 - HMRC PAYE Tax (Nov/Dec) £15.20
 - TTSR Grass Cutting £544.04
 - Lloyds Bank Service Charge (Nov/Dec) £8.50

Received and noted

10. To discuss the Light Pollution Clause provided by CPRE and decide if the Parish Council wish to keep including this on relevant Planning Application comments.

There was a brief discussion over the Light Pollution Clause. Cllr. R Brown raised concerns that the clause is too wordy and could dominate Parish Council responses to planning applications. Cllr. L Stiles suggested that this be mitigated by putting the clause after any Parish Council comments. After further discussion, Cllr. R Brown proposed a shortened version. Seconded by Cllr. C Eglington. 6FOR/1AGAINST. Motion carried. Clerk to circulate a precis to all Councillors for agreement

11. To discuss and decide on if the Parish Council wishes to give OpenReach permission to install a fibre poll in the playing field.

There was a brief discussion over this item. The poles will be located elsewhere so this is not an issue to decide anymore.

12. To receive an update on the Playing Field

Cllr. C Eglington gave an update on his process in sorting out the playing field. He made an effort to discern if business rates applied to the playing field but hit a dead end. Cllr. C Eglington also informed the Council that a solicitor advised him that it would be between £1,500 and £1,900 to transfer ownership to the Parish Council. There was further discussion over the reasoning behind the transfer and what expenses this would incur for the Parish Council. In conclusion, Cllr. L Stiles proposed that Cllr. C Eglington employ a solicitor to transfer ownership of the Playing Field to Cranworth Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. R Brown and approved unanimously.

13. Village Issues

Nothing raised

14. Highways and footpaths issues

The hedge on the corner by River Lane into Southburgh has still not been cut. Clerk to send a letter requesting the resident cut back the hedge. The Willows.

Cllr. L Stiles has reported two signs on FP3 that fell over. NCC will be attending.

A resident informed the Council that Community Speed Watch (CSW) regulations have changed and there isn't the need for a long straight stretch of road to conduct one anymore. It is encouraged that CSW groups share information and equipment to conduct speed watches.

15. Future agenda items

Update on the Lease/Playing Field

16. Dates of future meetings: 2nd of March, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Meeting closed at: 20:11